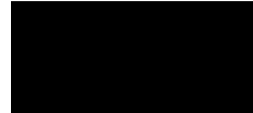


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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
708 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Staff Meeting, April 1, 1953

Present:



Roberts (ODMS)
Godel (Defense)
Phillips (State)

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Plan to Exploit Stalin's Passing

██████████ clarified agreement at last week's meeting on the vote-slip approval of last draft of D-40. He said the reference to Part II, paragraph 3 of the Plan should have also specified paragraph "B" as the portion of paragraph 3 of Part II which is only to be noted by the Board. ██████████ said final replies had not yet been received from CIA and ODMS. ██████████ reported that meeting of the WGS has been held in abeyance pending completion of the Presidential message. Godel urged meeting of WGS in near future.

Contingency Plan for Iran

██████████ said that he was preparing to circulate a proposal for a psychological strategy plan to deal with various contingencies arising out of current developments in Iran. ██████████ reported State suggests this planning job be handled by a committee tied in with the newly-created Middle East coordinating group and have it chaired by Richards of State.

Discussion of Agenda Items for Informal Board Meeting, April 2

1. Rockefeller Committee Proposal

██████████ reported the Board members wish to prepare a Board position for transmission to the Rockefeller Committee on the latter's proposed organization plan in its March 21 letter to C. D. Jackson. C. D. Jackson, ██████████ reported, has understanding with

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Rockefeller that any recommendations made to the President before the PSB's position is received by Rockefeller would be labeled as tentative.

2. **Status of Presidential Message**

██████████ said C. D. Jackson will brief the Board on his progress in the development of the Presidential message called for by D-40.

3. **Korean Armistice Prospects**

██████████ said, suggesting that PSB consider whether it can develop any useful psychological guidance to be/in connection with the forthcoming truce talks. Godel observed that there were a number of situations which might arise from the exchange of sick and wounded POW's and other POW's that could have an adverse psychological impact; Godel urged that PSB undertake a crash planning project to cover such contingencies. Phillips reported State had sent cable to General Clark making inquiries about the handling of the POW matter in the truce talks. Phillips also noted certain contingencies which might arise for which there is no plan; such as U. S. action in the event some U. S. POW's do not wish to return. Phillips commented on importance of having guidances prepared for our truce negotiators indicating the things which are acceptable to the U.S. Phillips said thought is being given to such a guidance now in State but he believes it should have higher priority.

██████████ expects to get further clues on this problem from the NSC Planning Board and as a result of PSB talks tomorrow.

Action:

There is enough evidence to warrant the PSB staff starting a preliminary study leading to a psychological guidance to cover current events in Korea, ██████████ designated to follow through on this.

4. **Defection**

██████████ said this item was placed on agenda at Mr. A. Dulles' request. Staff noted the Board's wish to raise basic policy questions concerning defectors. (Phillips said later in meeting that the German Bundestag members, now visiting Washington, stated their belief that the Communies were encouraging East German defection to West Germany as a means of getting rid of those unsympathetic to the Commie regime.).

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5. Preparation for Next UN General Assembly Meeting

██████████ said Jackson wishes to discuss planning for psychological strategy in next UNGA. Gosh reported Lodge feels that UN is our best platform for psychological warfare and therefore we should have a series of positive moves to present to UN. ██████████ commented that C. D. Jackson concurs with Lodge's view and wishes to have PSB handle this planning job.

Action:

██████████ has been assigned to follow through on this.

6. External Research Program - *State Dept.*

Morgan said the CIA memo of 30 March, sent to PSB and signed by ██████████, has Allen Dulles' approval. At Phillips' suggestion ██████████ agreed that the word "approve" under the recommendation in ██████████ letter should be changed to "endorse". ██████████ to reflect this change in the minutes of the Board meeting tomorrow.

Bush Committee on Disarmament

██████████ said the Bush Committee has about completed its paper and will be sending it to the NSC Planning Board late this week.

Brain-Washing

██████████ reported the recruitment of the medical experts to serve on the Bronk Group to examine Commie brain-washing techniques has been slowed down by security clearances. CIA is suggesting that their list of cleared consultants be used in order to hasten organization of this group, Craig said.

Russian Peace Moves

██████████ reported that Lofty Becker had suggested to him that PSB might consider what the U.S. reaction should be to any Kremlin peace moves such as a unilateral offer to the U.S. concerning Germany. Staff commented that U.S. ought to be prepared to handle any such peace proposals quickly rather than be forced to improvise after the Kremlin move is received.

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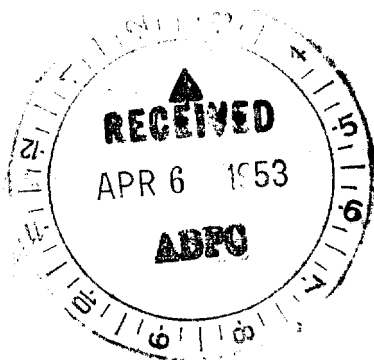
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